Summary of the main achievements, open issues and future plans

1. Introduction

The purpose of the present document is to give a brief summary of the collaboration between EGI.eu and WeNMR VRC. In April 2011, the two organisations signed an MoU to define a framework for long-term collaboration, recognising the mutual benefits a wide cooperation will bring to both parties. EGI and WeNMR work together to support the development of an emerging VRC in the area of structural biology and life sciences. The collaboration focuses on:

- User support
- Application integration
- User Community policy and procedures
- Requirements gathering
- Sustainability
- Dissemination

2. Main Achievements

This MoU is working very well with high-level of participation and interaction. WeNMR has been a main stay within the UCB providing insight, expertise, requirements and feedback on progress. They have heavily participated in each of EGI's major events with presentations and workshops. Overall, WeNMR, through Alexandre Bonvin, is an exemplar VRC for what others should become. The main milestones achieved are:

- Announcement and publication of the collaboration agreement.
- Feedback from EGI on progress on requirements progress.
- Participation in UCB.
- Outline VRC's areas of expertise.
- Help desk integration (VRC & EGI).
- List of applications and services needed by the VRC.
- List of applications and services that the VRC can offer.
- VRC sustainability plan – description of the WeNMR Sustainability work package.
- Updated and prioritised requirements for the community.

Alexandre Bovin has also given a keynote presentation at the last EGI Community Forum in Munich. WeNMR was also the first "stories from the grid" video presentation.

WeNMR remains a strong partnership with EGI. The VRC contributes regularly with EGI in terms of UCB, the Forums and other activities. They are enthusiastic partners in the Federated Cloud Task Force too. The communication links defined by the MoU have also played their part in resolving technical glitches that occurred at one point during the year. These were resolved and quickly overcome. EGI was also able to support the involvement of WeNMR with the INSTRUCT ESFRI project, which is also concerned with Structural Biology. The UK NGI was able

to participate in a UK meeting on behalf of EGI and act as a liaison with the team from STFC in the UK who are developing applications in this area. This too is a good role model for how smaller VRCs can pave the way for broader interaction with ESFRIs as it enables EGI to get to know the community and learn about its methods and processes.

3. Open Issues

There are no open milestones and no other issues to report.

4. Next steps/Future Plans

The outlook continues to be promising for the 3rd year of the project and the model developed by WeNMR remains a compelling one for research communities of similar characteristics. Activities plan to continue as carried out up to this point in terms of consistent presence within the EGI User Community Board providing requirements and feedback as well as conducting joint activities at EGI major events, amongst others.

5. References

R1	EGI-InSPIRE / WeNMR MoU Document: https://documents.egi.eu/document/460
R2	EGI-InSPIRE / WeNMR MoU Reports: https://documents.egi.eu/document/937
R3	EGI-InSPIRE / WeNMR MoU Milestones: http://go.egi.eu/mou-milestones-wenmr